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Letter dated 23 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by Iran between 20 December 2000 and 24 April 2001, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 20 December 2000-24 April 2001

1. 20 December 2000

At 1730 hours the dredger Al-Sumud and the tugboat Al-Amin came under intense fire from an Iranian military craft near the Ra's al-Bayshah area.

2. 11 February 2001

At 0900 hours boat No. 3134/Basrah left put out to sea under its master Ali Saddam Haydar and with five crewmen on board to fish in Iraqi territorial waters. The motor broke down, and they tried unsuccessfully to repair it. They were taken by the current towards Iranian territorial waters. At 1000 hours, while they were in the Ra's Abadan area at latitude 29/50 and longitude 58/48 (chart No. 1238), they were approached by an Iranian military craft with four armed Iranians on board. The latter boarded the fishing boat and searched it for weapons but found nothing. They then took the fishermen to the port at Bandar Imam, where they were questioned by the Iranian authorities, remanded to an Iranian court in an area called Mahshur and sentenced to eight days in prison. After they had completed their sentence, the Iranians returned them to Iraq after making them give an undertaking not to trespass in Iranian territorial waters. They also took from them the fish they had in their possession. At 1000 hours on 28 February the boat and its crew returned to Faw district.

3. 12 February 2001

Boat No. 4546/Basrah put to sea under its master Haytham Amir and with five crewmen on board to fish in Iraqi territorial waters. At 0900 hours on 23 February 2001, while it was engaged in fishing, the boat was carried by the tide and the current into Iranian territorial waters in the Ra's Abadan area at latitude 29/50 and longitude 48/55 (chart No. 1235). They were approached by an Iranian military craft whose personnel searched the fishing boat by armed force, looking for weapons. They were then taken to the Bandar Imam area, questioned and photographed. They were made to give an undertaking not to trespass in Iranian territorial waters and were sentenced to eight days in prison. On 27 February they were released after being relieved of a wall clock, their fish and a barrel of fuel oil and headed for Iraqi territorial waters.

4. 15 February 2001

Launch No. 227/Basrah put to sea under Riyad Abd al-Sayyid Mansur and with 10 crewmen on board to fish in Iraqi territorial waters. At 0900 hours on 22 February 2001 it broke down and was carried by the current towards the Iranian side, where it was approached by two Iranian military craft. The crewmen were searched, as was the launch itself. They were then taken to the Bandar Imam area, where they were detained at a place called Ra's Abadan. They were searched and questioned and then made to give an undertaking not to trespass in Iranian territorial

waters. On 27 February they were released, completed the repairs on the launch and headed for Iraqi territorial waters. The Iranian authorities confiscated the launch's compass.

5. 17 February 2001

At 0900 hours two khaki-coloured Iranian Land Cruiser vehicles approached to within about one kilometre of a border police unit. They fired 15 82-mm mortar rounds.

6. 26 February 2001

At 1700 hours the Iranians fired at the citizen Hilal Najm Abd Allah in the Saybah area, Fada'iyah village, hitting him in the thigh.

7. 17 February 2001

At 1100 hours two civilian buses arrived and halted at Iran's Khusrawi complex and some 50 or 60 persons in civilian attire alighted. They assembled near the Iranian observation post at coordinates 4406 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin) carrying personal field glasses, a radio-cassette recorder and a radio transmitter. They were looking towards the Mundhiriyah border complex and areas nearby.

8. 1 March 2001

Between 1100 and 1115 hours a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter flew over the bridge towards the Kassah area opposite Faw.

9. 2 March 2001

At 1130 hours two Land Cruiser pick-up trucks approached, heading for the Khusrawi outpost at coordinates 4406 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin). In one of them was an officer of the rank of captain and in the other was a civilian who reconnoitred in the direction of the Mundhiriyah border complex and nearby areas. At 1200 hours the two vehicles left with the persons in question for the Iranian rear.

10. 5 March 2001

At 0100 hours elements on the Iranian side fired several rounds in an indiscriminate manner. The Iraqi citizen Jum'ah Yasin Tahir Ujayl al-Hamadani was wounded in the right leg even though his boat was on the Iraqi side of the Shatt al-Arab.

11. 6-7 March 2001

A number of Iranian posts in the Shatt al-Arab sector opened fire in an indiscriminate manner.

12. 12-16 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 9773 on the construction and surfacing of a road. The equipment and vehicles used were three road rollers, three dump trucks and three saloon cars.

13. 11 March 2001

As a group of 10 people from the village of Tall Malik in Diyala Governorate were proceeding towards the Wadi Kasab area near the Iraq-Iran boundary with a number of donkeys in order to collect scrap metal and gather discarded wood, Iranian Guard forces fired on them. Three citizens were wounded and one, Ammar Yunus Abbush, was abducted and held from 11 to 25 March before being released.

14. 11 March 2001

At 2050 hours the Iranians fired 20 120-mm mortar rounds that impacted at coordinates 2677.

15. 13-16 March 2001

An engineering unit consisting of 7 to 13 workers began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790.

16. 24-25 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work on the main road between coordinates 575535 and coordinates 575545.

17. 15 March 2001

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work on the construction of a new outpost at coordinates 8705 (1:100,000 map of Badrah). The work is still in progress.

18. 16 March 2001

At 1230 hours, when it was in the Faw area of the Shatt al-Arab near the central bridge on its way from Mina' Khawr al-Zubayr to Mina' Abu Fulus, the Iraqi tender Muhammad Ali came under intense fire from two Iranian military craft with six soldiers on board. They ordered the tender to drop anchor in Iran's Hannin area, and the crewmen were arrested, assaulted and interrogated.

19. 16 March 2001

At 1600 hours the Iraqi vessel Muhammad Ali was approaching the Shatt al-Arab from the sea and navigating on the eastern side of the channel when it ran aground on the eastern shore at coordinates 660167 (1:1000,000 map of Bakr). It was taken with its crew inside Iranian territory. The vessel and its crew were released on the same day.

20. 17 March 2001

At 1000 hours intermittent explosions were heard and smoke was seen ascending on the Iranian side in the Abadan area at coordinates 3859 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). A formation of soldiers, estimated at platoon strength, was seen in the area while the explosions were taking place.

21. 17-23 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. There were from 6 to 13 workmen with two saloon cars.

22. 18 March 2001

At 1100 hours some 87 Iranian soldiers with light weapons and a PKT machine-gun began digging a trench from Muhammarah town towards the Kasabah area opposite Faw.

23. 20 March 2001

The Iranians raised a large wall poster measuring 1.5 by 3 metres and fixed it to the metal posts near the Iranian memorial at coordinates 3731 (1:100,000 map of Faw). It depicted an Iranian soldier wearing a helmet with "Ya Husayn" written on it firing in the direction of Faw with a GC rifle, the city of Faw in flames and a number of rubber boats crossing the Shatt al-Arab towards the city.

24. 21 March 2001

At 1330 hours a group of Iranian soldiers pitched a tent to the right of the Iranian outpost north of Shayb.

25. 21 March 2001

The Iranians opened fire in an indiscriminate manner in the area opposite the Ma`amir jetty. The citizen Ibrahim Ubbiyyah Ali al-Jaburi died when he was hit by two rounds, and another citizen was also hit as he was fishing near the Iraqi side.

26. 21 March 2001

The Iranians shot the Iraqi citizen Ibrahim Majid Abd Ali, a fisherman born in 1947. One round hit him in the back on the left hand side and exited through his chest, and another hit him in the right leg. He died at 1450 hours that day.

27. 23 March 2001

The Iranians shot at the Iraqi citizen Mushtaq Lafnah Hashim, hitting him in the right leg.

28. 23 March 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work spreading ballast along the main road from coordinates 575545. The equipment used consisted of six dump trucks, one bulldozer, one roller and one tanker truck.

29. 26 March 2001

At 0715 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen landing beyond the memorial opposite Faw and a number of Iranians, both men and women, were observed in the area. At 1800 hours the helicopter flew off towards the Iranian rear.

30. 26 March 2001

At 1100 hours the tender Al-Bay`ah, while in the Qasabah area on its way back from Umm Qasr to Basrah, came under light-weapons fire from elements of the Iranian army positioned along the riverine boundary between Iraq and Iran. The firing was directed at crewmen in the stern of the boat, and firing at the wheelhouse continued until the vessel was some considerable distance away.

31. 26 March 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from Abadan towards the Khosrawabad area. It then returned to Abadan and from there headed towards the Iranian rear.

32. 26 March 2001

At 1530 hours an 18-passenger civilian bus arrived from the Iranian rear and came to a halt beyond the Khusrawi outpost. Twelve persons alighted, four of them in civilian attire and carrying three cameras. They reconnoitred the area and took photographs.

33. 26-28 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. There were seven workmen.

34. 26-28 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work spreading ballast along the road at coordinates 570556. The equipment used consisted of six dump trucks, one bulldozer, one grader, one roller and one tanker truck.

35. 27 March 2001

At 1400 hours two Toyota pick-up trucks, one white and one blue, arrived from the Iranian rear and halted at Fakkah at coordinates 5150 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris). Four persons alighted, climbed the tower and proceeded to reconnoitre our units. After 15 minutes they descended and left in the direction of Shayb.

36. 27 March 2001

At 1030 hours two vehicles arrived from the Iranian rear. One was a khaki-coloured Land Cruiser saloon, and three men in turbans, a soldier carrying a video camera and a civilian alighted from it. They filmed the general area and reconnoitred the area at coordinates 9865 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah) for a period of half an hour. At 1100 hours they returned to the Iranian rear.

37. 29 March 2001

The Iranians engaged in heavy firing near the I`lam area and the Dub area at coordinates 4846 (1:100,000 map of Sayb).

38. 29 March 2001

At 1400 hours the Iranians established a new position at coordinates 7026 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). They manned the position with some 8 to 10 persons.

39. 29 March 2001

At 0900 hours the Iranians manned the position they had dug at coordinates 5641 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) with a force of between 10 and 20 soldiers armed with light weapons, a PKC machine-gun and an anti-tank gun.

40. 29 and 31 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. Seven persons were working there.

41. 29 and 31 March 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work along the old road at coordinates 570556. The equipment used consisted of four to six dump trucks, one bulldozer, one grader, one roller and one tanker truck.

42. 31 March 2001

At 1330 hours a Santana-type Iranian military vehicle mounting a Katyusha rocket launcher and a Land Cruiser pick-up truck with a 106-mm gun and a 120-mm mortar were seen arriving from the Iranian rear and coming to a halt at the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 790015.

43. 1 and 2 April 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began spreading ballast along the old road at coordinates 570551. The equipment used consisted of one dump truck, one bulldozer, one grader, one roller and one tanker truck.

44. 4 April 2001

The Iranians established two positions and pitched a tent in the Miyan Tanak area at coordinates 5640 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). They were manned by an estimated 10 to 15 persons armed with light weapons.

45. 6 April 2001

At 1000 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three other ranks proceeded to build a road to the Iranian tower opposite Iraq's Ghafiqi outpost.

46. 7 April 2001

At 1650 hours an Iranian position was opened opposite Iran's Qarah Sarf outpost at coordinates 490010 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz). It is manned by four to six soldiers.

47. 7 April 2001

At 1730 hours, while going out in a boat to fish with his brothers in the Shatt al-Arab, an Iraqi citizen was shot in the right thigh when an Iranian patrol directed fire towards the Faw district.

48. 8 April 2001

At 1615 hours the Iranians fired three 120-mm mortar rounds that impacted inside our national territory at coordinates 6718.

49. 8 April 2001

The Iranians installed a machine-gun opposite Faw South at coordinates 6515 (1:100,000 map of Faw).

50. 10 April 2001

Between 1728 and 1735 hours a formation of two Iranian warplanes appeared 15 kilometres east of Elam flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 3,000 metres.

51. 10-11 April 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work spreading ballast along the old road at coordinates 570559. The plant used consisted of six dump trucks, one bulldozer, one grader, one roller and one tanker truck.

52. 11 April 2001

At 1000 hours two khaki-coloured Land Cruiser vehicles arrived from the Iranian rear and came to a halt at Ak Dağ mountain at coordinates 4716 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz). Eleven persons wearing civilian attire (traditional shirwal trousers) and armed with light weapons alighted from them. After one hour, they divided into two groups and headed towards our units. They then returned to the Iranian rear.

53. 14 April 2001

At 1100 hours nine military Land Cruiser vehicles and one motorcycle arrived at the Iranian observation post in the Badrani area at coordinates 9275 and nine military officers alighted from them. At 1125 hours they withdrew to the Iranian rear.

54. 14 April 2001

At 0630 hours the Iranians fired six 120-mm mortar rounds at our units at coordinates 6323.

55. 16 April 2001

At 0700 hours the Iranians fired seven 81-mm mortar rounds at our units at coordinates 3171.

56. 16 April 2001

At 0900 hours the Iranians unloaded two caravans and a tower from the two vehicles that had brought them at coordinates 9132.

57. 17 April 2001

At 2200 hours light gunfire was directed at our national territory from the Iranian tower adjacent to Wadi Darb Najaf at coordinates 4307 and also from the Iranian tower at coordinates 4403 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin). The shooting continued for five minutes.

58. 17 April 2001

At 0830 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 5832. The equipment used consisted of one Poclain, and there were eight workmen.

59. 19 April 2001

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 903162. The equipment used consisted of one Poclain, and there were eight workmen.

60. 19 April 2001

A remotely piloted aircraft sent from Iranian territory over our national territory was shot down. The pieces were subsequently found.

61. 17-22 April 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 9061. The equipment used consisted of one Poclain, and there were 10 workmen.

62. 20 April 2001

The Iranians were firing in an indiscriminate manner in the Abadan area over a two-hour period.

63. 20 April 2001

At 0800 hours a grey and white Iranian helicopter was seen flying from the Abadan area towards the Iranian rear at low altitude.

64. 21 April 2001

At 0700 hours the Iranians fired three 81-mm mortar rounds at our units at coordinates 8705.

65. 22 April 2001

At 1030 and 1300 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen over the Iranian outpost at coordinates 8705. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

66. 22 April 2001

Between 1615 and 1640 hours the Iranians fired 19 130-mm artillery shells at our units.

67. 22 April 2001

At 0700 hours the Iranians fired three 81-mm mortar rounds at our units at coordinates 8039.

68. 22 April 2001

At 0150 hours the Iranians fired at the Iraqi outpost at coordinates 8711 using medium weapons and mortars. One soldier was wounded, and the position and some equipment were damaged.

69. 22 April 2001

At 0530 hours the Iranians fired 82-mm mortars at our units at coordinates 4715 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin).

70. 22-23 April 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 5755, spreading ballast along the old road. The equipment used consisted of two dump trucks and an excavator.

71. 23 April 2001

Between 2035 and 2240 hours the Iranians bombarded our units at coordinates 3677 with eight 120-mm mortar rounds and four 81-mm mortar rounds.

72. 24 April 2001

At 1045 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen circling over Iran's Aslan area, and at 1125 hours it flew to the east and landed at coordinates 8907. Some 10 to 15 people alighted from it. It then took off for the Iranian rear.